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SILVER ALERT RESOLVED BY BROWARD ROAD RANGER AND FDOT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER (TMC)

(Fort Lauderdale, FL – December 23, 2009) –An alert TMC operator and Road Ranger resolved a Silver Alert issued from Hernando County, Florida yesterday. SMART SunGuide TMC Operator Robert Meisinger spotted a disabled vehicle on the shoulder of I-75/Alligator Alley southbound at milepost 30 in Broward County just before 4 p.m. Florida Department of Transportation Road Ranger #407 Richard Roberts, who was dispatched and arrived soon thereafter, identified the vehicle and provided the motorist a gallon of gas to get on his way. Moments later, the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement (FDLE) issued a Silver Alert from Brooksville, Florida, with the same Michigan license plate, BHK4753. TMC Operator Meisinger was entering this data into the SunGuide computer and immediately realized it was the same tag number.

Road Ranger Roberts was then called on the radio but the car had already left the scene. Roberts began searching as Florida Highway Patrol and local police were notified. Electronic message signs throughout South Florida had the Silver Alert message displayed. While police looked on the ground, Meisinger was checking the closed-circuit camera network along I-75 and spotted a disabled vehicle on the shoulder at Miramar Parkway just after 5 p.m. as Road Ranger Roberts was pulling up to the scene. Roberts then confirmed it was the same vehicle with Michigan tags. FHP was then dispatched to the scene, and contacted George's family for his safe return home last night.

The Road Ranger Service Patrols are dispatched from two Transportation Management Centers (TMCs) managed by FDOT District Four in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. The TMCs monitor freeways and major arterial routes with closed circuit TV cameras, speed sensors, traffic signal control devices and a fleet of Road Ranger Service Patrol vehicles. In coordination with local law enforcement and fire rescue, TMC operators identify and respond aggressively to quickly clear incidents, disabled vehicles and other interruptions to traffic with the intelligent transportation systems (ITS) equipment. Information from the TMC is displayed on Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) and on the region's 511 Advanced Traveler Information Service. For real-time traffic conditions or information about the SMART SunGuide TMC, please visit www.SMARTSunGuide.com.

The purpose of the Silver Alert program is to broadcast vehicle information of a missing elderly person who suffers from irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties. In the event the



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missing person's vehicle is seen or if anyone has knowledge of the whereabouts of the missing person, that information can be provided immediately to the investigating law enforcement agency. For more information, see <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/>.

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